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## WHAT'S COMING NEXT MONTH??

Vote for the Merge!

News from you, we hope!  
Send your Campaign and trail pictures  
and articles soon!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again. Hope this finds all you well and in the saddle. I am enjoying my new horse, Bailey. Hope to take him camping as soon as this newsletter goes to bed. Things have been happening around here.

We have had a Meeting of the Boards of both the Caballeros del Sol and the Borrego unit. They were unanimous in the decision that we should merge the two units. I have contacted the State Board President and he said that the best way is to form a new unit, poll the members of both units and have them indicate the unit they will belong to when abandoning the old units. We sincerely hope that you come with us I do hope most of you will attend the meeting next Thursday at Tyler's Taste of Texas in El Cajon where we will entertain a vote to do this. If this passes the units, we will be presenting the new unit to the summer Executive Committee Meeting and then to the Sate Board meeting in October for approval

Also on the agenda for Thursday, we be a discussion of opening a non-profit organization for the support of the Coyote Canyon Stallions. We had a chance to see the stallions. They are beautiful. You can sure see the Spanish blood in them.

### The Trail Whispers

A publication of the Caballeros del Sol Unit of the Back Country Horsemen of California

Articles that appear in the Trail Whispers do not necessarily reflect the position or opinion of the Unit Officers and members. Nor does publication of said articles constitute an endorsement of views. Accuracy of all materials is the sole responsibility of the authors. Appearance of an advertisement does not constitute a recommendation or endorsements of the goods or services offered therein.

Trail Whispers welcomes member contribution. Club news, events, calendar dates and items of interest you wish to have submitted need to be submitted by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Trail Whispers publishes 6 -12 times a year at least every two months. More often if there is a large amount or urgent news.

Send items of interest to the Editor/ Publisher at:

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There are a couple of them pictured here. They were named as they came off the BLM truck. Don, Juan, Batiste, D'Anza, pictured below. D'Anza seems to be the head of this small bachelor herd. He is pictured on this page and is the bottom of the two pictures on the next page. Batiste is on the top. Pictures by Robert Hayden and Nola Michel

I have on the Calendar the rides of some of the other BCHC Units. You may attend these. Call the Contact numbers for further information. Should you want to lead a ride on one of you favorite trails, please let us know and we will make arrangements on the calendar and support you in any way that we can. The same also goes for work parties. Make sure you read the CEA news and Contact Steve Randall if you can help with the rebuilding of Los Vaqueros! Check out the trail maintance unit's schedual on page 8 too. All help is appreciated! Keep track of the hours you work and the milage!

Hope to see you at the meeting!!

 Nola

D'Anza, Don, Juan and Batiste





## **Celebrate National Trails Day!**

**Penasuitos Canyon Preserve  
Saturday, June 4, 2005  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**For event information, please  
call 858-484-7504 or visit  
[www.sdparks.org](http://www.sdparks.org)**

**For vendor information or  
sponsorship opportunities,  
please call 858-694-3969  
Bring the family and join  
in the fun:**

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Rides**
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- **Trails Fair with Vendors  
and Exhibitors**
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- **Opportunity Drawings and  
More!**

**Free parking and admission**

**End of Canyonside Park Drive  
Off of Black Mountain Road,  
near Mercy Rd/15 San Diego**

## SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING 17 MAY2005

Robert Coates requested that Kathleen and I attend the Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of May hearing at the SD County Board of Supervisors. The Stowe Trail was on the docket as Item 1. This was exciting, as we had been working to have the county purchase or trade the land that the Marines own, that is the Historic trail to the old town of Stowe. This old road (an old county survey road) carried traffic in the 1800's, much of it was heavy freight to the towns of Escondido and Ramona. The route up the dirt road that became the 395, then the 15 was too steep a grade for animals to pull the heavy freight wagons up. The first night out was usually spent at the little town of Stowe that used to be where the Sycamore Canyon Park is now.

After the trail was no longer used for freight (the new gas engine trucks could pull the 395 grade) it was still used as a road (dirt) for many years, it then came in favor for hikers, equestrians and bikers (the kind you pedal).

The property became part of Camp Elliot in WWI and then transferred to the Navy at a later year. The Navy never interfered with the recreational travel on this old road at the very eastern edge of their base. However when the Marines took possession of the base a few years ago, we become a 'security risk'. They closed the trail. As members of Diane Jacob's trail committee, along with several other Back Country horsemen from her district, Robert, Kathleen and I brought our documentation to Diane Jacob's attention. This included the National Millennium Trail designation that Robert Coates applied for in Dec of 1999. That was the year we were also awarded National Trail designations for the Mormon Battalion and California Riding and Hiking Trail. The D'Anza Trail received the Nation's first Millenium Trail status sponsored by George Cardinet.

I am happy to report that with a unanimous vote, (motioned by Diane Jacobs) the Board approved the purchase, with the needed monies to begin the surveys and EIR's. Congressmen Duncan Hunter is carrying the bill in Congress necessary to make the land purchase and trade to the County of San Diego for this needed trail link from Mission Trails Open Space Park to The Sycamore Canyon Open Space Preserve.

Before item 1 was heard, there is an open forum at the Board in which any citizen can bring up any topic. Requests for actions are referred to the CEO for legal opinion and recommended action.

Kathleen read her letter about the old road to Hog Heaven. It was well received by the Board, and Diane Jacob instructed the Parks Dept review the trail closure and open it as soon as possible, possibly even with a trail head there. We have used this procedure many times in the past for quick and satisfactory results.  
Nola

San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
May 17, 2005

Re: Old County Road to Hog Heaven

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors

Enclosed you will find News Article from the Julian Journal dated Sept 2002 titled HOG HEAVEN. This describes an old county road that precedes and predates State Highway 78 from Santa Ysabel to Julian. The old road passes completely through the Santa Ysabel Open Space Reserve operated under San Diego County Parks and Recreation Dept. It is a segment of the San Dieguito River Park.

Also enclosed are pictures of the locked gate. I believe this public route falls under the San Diego County RS2477 assertion of July 2002 and should remain open to the public. This route should immediately be included in the non-motorized transportation plan and compatible trailhead provided to accommodate recreation.

Thank you for you kind and prompt attention to this urgent matter.

Kathleen Hayden  
BCHC Caballeros del Sol,  
Public Lands Chair

San Diego County Board of Supervisors  
May 17, 2005

Re: The purchase of the Marine Corps Property for the historic Stowe Trail

As trail riders, users and workers we highly recommend the purchase of the property on the East side of MCAS to restore the historic Stowe Trail. This trail, which is also has the Millennium Trail status, is a necessary link in our countywide trail system. It links the trails at Mission Gorge Park with the Sycamore Canyon Park and thus to our entire county trail system.

Nola Michel  
President, Caballeros del Sol Unit of the Back Country  
Horsemen of California

## CEA MEMBERSHIP

Caballeros del Sol Unit/ BCHC is now a Member Club in the Cuyamaca Equestrian Association .

CEA's mission is to promote and preserve equestrian use and involvement in the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and to serve as a liaison between equestrian communities and the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

CEA was established on June 27, 2004. It is a group of representatives from various horse clubs in the San Diego area with intentions of expanding throughout California. Our goal is to combine our resources by creating a unit that will represent equestrian interests in Cuyamaca Rancho State Park.

We will work directly with Park officials and be ready to assist with any needs they may have pertaining to public trails and camp grounds in the Park.

Each club is represented by one member to keep us informed. Is there one of you out there that would perform this function?? Please Call Nola at 858 278 9088. This is mostly accomplished by email with an occasional meeting.

## NEWS FROM CEA

Rosemary Bush

Hi everyone...My apologies for the delay in correspondence. I've been very busy with daily activities and the added reality of our relocation to New Mexico. Duane and I will be moving within the next couple of months. We're keeping our home here and plan to come back for visits about every 6 weeks so you're not rid of us yet!

We're faced with two URGENT needs. The first is described in the rest of this email in the form of a notice from Laura Itogawa, CRSP Superintendent. This is the wonderful news we've all been waiting for. Now it's time for us to show some action. Steve and Mary Randall will be working tomorrow and are taking calls from anyone who wants to join in. Their number is 619-561-6764.

The second issue is the need for someone to step forward and continue my part of CEA once I'm gone. It's not hard work, (mostly email). My DSL account will go along with as I have to pay for it until December anyway. Please, Please, PLEASE step forward so CEA can continue to grow.

The Mack Property has closed escrow and is now officially a part of CRSP. There will be an Open House on Saturday, July 24 from 2 to 4pm at the property. We could use some help the week before to clean and clear areas for parking. Call me at 619-443-2955 or email me if you'd like more info. The property is beautiful and you'll get a "peak preview" before everyone else.

Now, read the good news Laura has.....Thanks, Rosemary

## CUYAMACA UPDATE

Laura Itogawa, CRSP Superintendent

Guess what? I just found out that the construction on the restroom at Los Vaqueros will not begin until September. The good news is that in the meantime we are going to open the camp for family equestrian camping as soon as possible (hoping for just after Memorial Day). The camp will be open through Labor Day. But we need help. There are 12 trees that need to be felled, bucked up, and removed. The park will do the felling, but we need help with the rest. We need help fixing several corrals with bent rails. We also need help weedwacking the entire camp and some of the perimeter. We need help assembling picnic tables, installing fire rings, and painting parking spaces on the pavement. We just don't have the staff to make this happen.

We are also working on water. We have water up there but it is not potable so in the beginning the camp will have water for horses only. We are going to put in chemical toilets. Campers will have to drive to Paso for showers. Reservations will be made through the park. PLEASE no calls yet. We have work out the logistics of doing this locally. We will make a major notification once we are ready to take reservations.

This is the time for the equestrian community to step up to the plate (again) to make this happen. We hope to accommodate up to 16 rigs per night. This will be tricky with limited parking, and families will have to be more tolerant of each other since they will be sharing the camp. We will designate parking spaces. Most likely extra vehicles will not be allowed except for drop off of supplies, and then park at Paso Day use. We are trying to do the best we can to accommodate the equestrians. Later in June we should get potable water out there. Please contact the park to be assigned to a team. Together we can make this happen. Please let the equestrian clubs know so they can generate help.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

*I have published only the analysis and conclusion only of this paper. I have the entire paper which includes the Law as Congress wrote it and the interpretation the Forest Service put on it. (7pages, too long to print there) I can email a copy to you. Request it by email at: trlrider@san.rr.com. Nola*

## ANALYSIS OF FOREST SERVICE FEE IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

WESTERN SLOPE NO-FEE COALITION  
P.O. Box 403, Norwood, CO 81423  
May 1, 2005

The U.S. Forest Service has issued Interim Implementation Guidelines to local forest managers instructing them on how to implement the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), better known as the Recreational Access Tax (RAT). These guidelines purport to guide managers in following congressional intent as they transition from the previous Fee Demo program to the new law.

Instead, they do just the opposite. They instruct local managers on how to bypass congressional constraints and illegally charge fees for dispersed areas, general access, and recreational use of undeveloped land. The guidelines are written so as to modify existing fee programs as little as possible, while extending new fees to millions more acres of public land. Fees will be charged for whole or nearly whole National Forests in California and Arizona, and for vast tracks of forests in Colorado, Washington, Oregon, New Hampshire, and other states. Fees will be charged for trailheads, OHV routes, mountain biking trails, equestrian trails, and wilderness areas. All of this is in clear contradiction to congressional intent and to the letter of the law.

### FLREA (RAT) BACKGROUND

The RAT was attached to the 2004 omnibus appropriations bill by Congressman Ralph Regula and signed by the President December 8, 2004. The Western Slope No-Fee Coalition had worked with U.S. House Resources Committee members and staff all the previous summer and into September trying to find a compromise on the Fee Demo/public ownership issue. We pushed to have over-broad provisions removed from the bill and to have other provisions added preventing the agencies from imposing fees outside of sites with developed facilities. The agencies in turn wanted unlimited fee authority with little or no congressional oversight.

The resulting law pleases neither side. It is poorly written, riddled with contradictory and ambiguous language, and open to multiple interpretations. When it passed, we pre-

dicted that the agencies would seize every opportunity to interpret it as broadly as possible.

What we could not have predicted was that the Forest Service would ignore the language on limitations and actually make up new fees that are not specified in the law at all. But that is what they have done. The implementation guidelines show a breathtaking disregard for the restrictive language and a clear intent to have the fee program they want, regardless of public or congressional opinion, or the law.

### CONCLUSION

The House Resources Committee took at least some steps to try and restrict the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation from abusing the fee authority by restricting their ability to charge general entrance fees, fees for dispersed areas and fees for simply walking, riding or driving through our public lands. The agencies have ignored those restrictions and simply written their own fee bill. As a result, existing Fee Demo sites will be rolled into larger sites, reducing (maybe) the number of, but vastly increasing the scope and impacts of, fee sites. These guidelines do not reflect the intent of Congress.

Here is an excerpt from a press release issued by Congressman Regula, the father of fees and sponsor of the RAT, and the man responsible for attaching the RAT onto the omnibus bill in the middle of the night:

“As passed by Congress, H.R. 3283 would limit the recreation fee authorization on the land management agencies. No fees may be charged for the following: solely for parking, picnicking, horseback riding through, general access, dispersed areas with low or no investments, for persons passing through an area, camping at undeveloped sites, overlooks, public roads or highways, private roads, hunting or fishing, and official business. Additionally, no entrance fees will be charged for any recreational activities on BLM, USFS, or BOR lands. This is a significant change from the original language. The language included by the Resources Committee is much more restrictive and specific on where fees can and cannot be charged.” [emphasis in original]

The Forest Service Interim Implementation Guidelines contradict this statement. The American public is being railroaded by its own public servants.

The WSNFC calls on Congress to suspend all public land fees outside of developed campgrounds, to repeal the RAT, and to demand accountability from our land management agencies. Whether the agencies call these Entrance Fees, Recreation Fees, User Fees or Recreation Permit Fees, they are an Access Tax being imposed on American citizens merely for visiting their own public land.

If it walks like a RAT and quacks like a RAT—it's a RAT!

# Horsemen of California

Mail application to: **BCHC Membership DataCenter**  
PO BOX 40007, Bakersfield, CA 93384-0007

Application provided by the  
**Caballeros del Sol Unit**  
P.O. Box 12311,  
El Cajon, CA  
Unit Membership Chair, (858) 278 9088  
Email: [trlrider@san.rr.com](mailto:trlrider@san.rr.com)

## Membership Application

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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Res. Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Membership type:  Individual \$30     Family \$40     Benefactor \$100  
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### Preferred Unit Affiliation (Circle only one):

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<b>Caballeros del Sol</b>	Los Padres	Redwood	Sierra Freepackers
Eastern Sierra	Mid Valley	San Diego	Sutter Buttes
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Application for Associate Membership, mail to:  
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Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign me up for \_\_\_\_\_ Associate Memberships at \$15 each. I understand that each Associate Membership must expire concurrently with my Parent BCHC Membership.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Associate membership unit choices: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Cuyamaca Rancho State Park Trails Maintenance Unit

**Saturday, May 21 9:AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Dave or Michele Hernandez at 619-669-1697 or [jerrydave@earthlink.net](mailto:jerrydave@earthlink.net)**

Saturday, May 28, 8:30AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Michael Curtis at 858-278-3280 or [cmcurtis@pacbell.net](mailto:cmcurtis@pacbell.net)

### JUNE

Saturday, June 4, 8:AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Terry and Nancy Nickols at 619-851-2285 or [terrynicks@mail.escapees.com](mailto:terrynicks@mail.escapees.com)

Saturday, June 11, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Michael Curtis at 858-278-3280 or [cmcurtis@pacbell.net](mailto:cmcurtis@pacbell.net)

Saturday, June 18, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Dave or Michele Hernandez at 619-669-1697 or [jerrydave@earthlink.net](mailto:jerrydave@earthlink.net)

Saturday, June 25, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Bernie Martin at 619-445-1289 or [bernie@oakzanitaranch.com](mailto:bernie@oakzanitaranch.com)

### JULY

Saturday, July 2, 8:AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Terry and Nancy Nickols at 619-851-2285 or [terrynicks@mail.escapees.com](mailto:terrynicks@mail.escapees.com)

Saturday, July 9, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Leon Grabowski at 619-441-0752 or [neol@sbcglobal.net](mailto:neol@sbcglobal.net)

Saturday, July 16, 8:AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Steve or Mary Randall at 619-561-6764 or [sdrmule@cox.net](mailto:sdrmule@cox.net)

Saturday, July 23, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Michael Curtis at 858-278-3280 or [cmcurtis@pacbell.net](mailto:cmcurtis@pacbell.net)

Saturday, July 30, 8AM. Meet at Paso Picacho. Register with Dave or Michele Hernandez at 619-669-1697 or [jerrydave@earthlink.net](mailto:jerrydave@earthlink.net)

# BCHC / CdS CALENDAR

MARK THESE IMPORTANT DATES  
ON YOUR PERSONAL CALENDAR !

**BCHC sponsored activities  
are BOLD**

Any BCHC activity may be attended by BCHC members from any unit, unless so noted. Call a board member for a contact phone number.

*Other activities of interest are in italics (not sponsored by BCHC and FYI)*

BCHC Caballeros del Sol General Meetings will be held monthly. Check the back of each newsletter for location and directions to the Next meeting.

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**CDS Unit**

**May 26th 2005**

**6:30 POrder, 7PM meeting**

**At TYLER'S TASTE of  
TEXAS,**

**576 N. 2nd St EICajon**

**Come and join our discus-  
sion on the merger.**

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**NATIONAL TRAIL DAY**

**June 4th 2005**

**Penasquitos Canyon**

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**BCHC San Gorgonio Unit  
Treasure Hunt**

**June 10 -12, 2005**

**Contact:**

**Chip Herzig 951 769 3781**

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**BCHC San Gorgonio Unit  
BIG BEAR CAMPOUT**

**July 7 - 10, 2005**

**Contact:**

**Dennis McKee 090 794 1264**

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**BONITA TRAIL TRIALS**

**JULY 23RD 2005**

**Contact:**

**Ray & Diane Mansur**

**619 470 3244**

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**Trail Trials**

**BCHC/SD**

**20th Aug 2005**

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**BCHC, CdS / FHRC**

**TRAIL TRIALS**

**Oct 8th, 2005**

**Miramar Stables, MCAS**

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**CRSP ON-GOING**

**WEEKLY TRAIL REPAIR**

*The faster it is repaired the*

*quicker it will all be open!*

*Come out as often as you*

*can! See the schedual on*

*previous page*



Backcountry Horsemen of California  
Caballeros del Sol Unit  
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**May 2005**

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**THE NEXT MEETING IS TO BE HELD THE  
26TH OF MAY 2004  
THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
ORDER YOUR FOOD AT 6:30, MEETING AT 7 pm  
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